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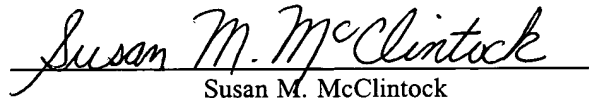
**Rapid Detection And
Identification Of Pathogens**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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Sir/Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed August 15, 2001 for patent application serial number 09/655,378. In the restriction requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims into four groups: Group I, Claims 45-70; Group II, Claims 71-94; Group III, Claims 95-108; and Group IV, Claims 109-123. Applicants elected Group I for prosecution with patent application serial number 09/655,378. The present Divisional Application is directed to the claims in Group IV (*i.e.*, Claims 109-123).

IN THE TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please substitute the title "**KITS FOR THE DETECTION OF TARGET SEQUENCES**" for the currently pending title.